

I. Count Bernadotte is on his way to Rhodes now. Yesterday he declared that he hopes to arrive at a solution for the Palestine problem within the coming few months. On being asked about the situation in Palestine the mediator said that on the whole it is good.

2. Concerning the unification of Arab commands in Palestine, certain circles in Amman said that it is not a final matter yet and the endeavours of Iraqi P.M. Pajajeh are looked with great hope and expectation.

News from Palestine says that the city of Jerusalem is now the key to the whole problem. The Arabs feel that should they take the city their position will be much better at the time of settlement. It is not a secret that Arabs are ready for this battle, but they don't like to be the beginners. It is a fact that Jewish violations are repeated almost every night. One of these days the Arabs may feel justified to put an end to these Jewish violations by taking the whole city.

" BEIRUT CALLING "

I. The "Daily Express" published yesterday that Lebanon has agreed to negotiation with the Jews. The Lebanese Govt. strongly denies these Zionist made up stories and states again that Lebanon will not negotiate with the Jews.

2. Iraqi Govt. will refuse any suggestion for having the I.P.C.-oil run again to Haifa as long as the Jews are there.

Wed.-afternoon, Sept. I, 1948.

1. In a cable to H.M.King Abdullah, Count Bernadotte said that he hopes to begin the Palestine Refugee Programme in a very short, and that several nations have responded to his appeal for help of the said refugees.

Syrian P.M.Jamil Mardam received the Damascus representative of Count Bernadotte and told him of the opinion of the Syrian Govt. regarding the return of the Palestine Arab refugees.

In this connection it is mentioned that 6100 refugees arrived at Damascus in the last 24 hours.

2. The Arab League has ~~immediately~~ denied the news of yesterday which said that the League had asked all Arab states to reconsider their relations with Italy. The denial added that although Zionists receive assistance all over Europe, yet Italy has good intentions for the Arabs and is always keen on having the best of relations with them.

3. A Reuter's message from Jerusalem says that the Jerusalem Arab Radio at Ramallah stopped suddenly while news ~~xxxxx~~ was being announced on Wed. last, is still out of order for reasons not known yet.

Friday-afternoon, Aug.27,1948.

1. The people of Jerusalem thought that the truce had come to an end ~~when~~ when huge numbers of Jewish soldiers attacked the Arab lines at Zion Gate and Turi areas. Heavy shelling and fire remained till a late hour at night.

2. Iraqi, Lebanese and Syrian P.M.'s and military officers held a secret meeting in Lebanon yesterday.

Arab press expects important news and declarations, although the Iraqi P.M. Pajajeh wants everything to remain confidential.

In Cairo Aszam met Nokrahi and Munif Huseini (~~Aszam's~~ nephew and private secretary of the Mufti).

3. The new American Ambassador to Cairo has sent a cable to his old friend the head of the the American Red Cross asking him to visit the Near East and see personally the tragedy that is going on . ".....I was very happy to know that many American organizations have responded to the appeal for help and I hope that many more organizations will do the same with regard to this human problem....."the Ambassador is quoted.

4. Secretary of State George Marshall declared yesterday that \$300,000 have been presented by various American institutions for the aid of 7000 Jews and \$300,000 Arabs. He expects more help from America for the said refugees.

Wed.-morning, Sept. 1, 1949.

" NEAR EAST BROADCASTING STATION " _CYPRUS

1:50 ("3:50)p.m.

1. In a special meeting last night the Sec.Council heard Syrian delegate Faris Bey el Khuri who said that any action by the Council now will obstacle the activities of the mediator. The British and U.S.delegates agreed with Khuri. The Soviet delegate said that he had received a message from Shertok to ask the Council to discuss certain points on Palestine. The suggestion was voted on and the Council decided not to discuss Palestine. The same thing applied to the Kashmir case.

2. It is said that the visit of Iraqi P.M.Pajajeh is for three important purposes: i) the unification of the Arab commands, ii) the unification of Arab foreign policy,iii) the question of the refugees. For the first point Pajajeh suggests that the command be given to the ablest Arab state. For the second he thinks serious action must be taken towards pro-Zionist states and that Su'udi Arabia must be convinced of the necessity of sacrificing some of the Oil Concessions.

The Iraqi P.M. met the Syrian and Lebanese P.M.'s this morning in Lebanon.

3. An America Official in Jerusalem declared that the Arabs and Jews have not responded to the request of the UN-observers to evacuate the Govt.House area, although they had agreed on the matter.

4. The International Red Cross is taking necessary steps to have tents for sheltering 19000 refugees in the Jordan valley.

The Arch-Bishop of London declared yesterday that Jerusalem must be an international City as the Jews cannot be trusted in matters of religion. "...The more you give them the longer their hands stretch and then you have to continue giving," he is quoted.

Tuesday-afternoon, Aug.31,1948.

" CAIRO CALLING "-400 mts.

3 ("IO) a.m.

1. As usual this Arab station begins with Jewish violations of the truce. Last night heavy explosions were heard in Jerusalem. The villages of Sur-Baher and Beit-Safafa were exposed to Jewish attacks. The Jews were pushed back, heavy casualties were inflicted on them and the UN-observers were informed.

A Jewish plane was shot at on flying over the Mount. of Olives yesterday. Some sources say that the plane was compelled to land.

2. Count Bernadotte will arrive shortly in Paris to meet M.T.Lie before the UN holds its meetings.

Dr. Ascarate met Azzam yesterday. The mediator's rep. in Cairo will go Paris to-morrow to see the Count.

3. Arab relations with Italy may stop shortly, according to an Iraqi Govt.official. It is mentioned in this occasion that yesterday a ship of 1000 Jewish illegal immigrants arrived from Italy.

Tuesday-morning, Aug. 31, 1948.

1. An Arab Legion spokesman declared to-day that a number of dead Jewish bodies was found in the Arab lines at Zion Gate area which proves that also last night the Jews tried to attack Arab lines. 48 Jewish mortars were also found behind Arab lines.

2. Arab soldiers in the old city opened fire at a UN-observation plane that was flying over the Arab lines. Arab authorities have declared that the identity of the plane was not known and that it was the first one to fly over the old city since the 2nd truce had started.

3. The B.B.C. announced this morning that the two British subjects now in Jewish hands and who have been accused of alleged espionage, will appear again in Jewish courts on the 15th of Sept. next when their defence witnesses will arrive from Tel-Aviv.

4. Two Arabs were executed by the Arab liberation army at Tarshiha(near Acre) for cooperation with the Zionists.

Monday-afternoon, Aug.30, 1948.

8 (10) a.m.

1. Big explosions were heard in Zion Gate area last night; it is believed that the Jews were blowing Arab houses in that area after having had stolen everything therein. Later the Jews left their positions and advanced towards Arab lines where they were exposed to heavy fire and retreated leaving behind them a number of dead bodies and damaged cars.

The Chief UN-Observer arrived in Cairo yesterday and had a meeting with the foreign minister Khashabah Pasha. It has been understood that the subject of his talks with the Egyptian minister was the truce in Jerusalem.

The UN-Observers' report published yesterday blames the Jews for violating the truce and attacking the Red Cross and Govt. House area. It is said that the above report has aroused great dissatisfaction among the Jews.

2. Arab refugees who are "in bad need for help" are mainly in Iraq, Lebanon, and Syria. Those of Iraq are about 25,000, while in Lebanon there are about 70,000 and 80,000 in Syria.

Monday-morning, Aug. 30, 1948.

1. The Chief UN-observer in Beirut has stated that the two French observers killed in Gaza yesterday, were shot at after they had left the plane. It seems that Egyptian irregulars are responsible for the incident.

On being asked about the truce in general, the above source said that it is being observed by both sides almost everywhere in Palestine except in Jerusalem.

2. The UN-observers have decided to ask both Arabs and Jews to withdraw from the Red Cross area near the Govt. House. The Egyptians would have to go back for about 1 K.M., while the Jews would move 200 meters back.

The Jewish reasons and excuses given to justify their occupation of the Govt. House area, were described by UN-observers to be of no sense and no foundation.

3. An Arab News Agency report says that the correspondent of the British paper "The Scotsman" said in a despatch yesterday that the mediator's endeavours to stop the immigration of military age Jews is in the interest of the Arabs only. According to the said correspondent the Arabs would lose should the fighting be resumed. Commenting on the economic conditions among the Jews, the correspondent described them as very bad due to the fact that all Jewish resources are mobilized for the war effort.

4. The negotiations of the Iraqi and Egyptian P.M.'s were very successful according to Arab circles in Cairo. An agreement has been reached to which makes Egypt hold the main command of Arab armies in Palestine. Pajajeh is now in Amman.

Sunday-afternoon, Aug. 29, 1948.

1. Mr. Henry Wallace has issued a manifesto wherein he asks President Truman to carry out a programme of five points: 1) The complete recognition of the Jewish state.
2) Cancellation of the embargo order.
3) The granting of 100,000,000 dollars for the so called state of Izrael.
4) Acceptance of the alleged Jewish state as a member of the UNO.
5) The complete execution of the UN-partition decision for Palestine by force if necessary.
2. U.S. and Egyptian authorities have described the meeting of Mr. Marshall and the Egyptian delegate to UN as "very important."
3. It has been understood that the Arab countries may elect Egypt to take the place of Syria at the Sec.Council as the period of the latter has expired.
4. 8000 Jewish D.P.'s have disappeared from the American Zone in Germany.
5. The Iraqi P.M. Muzahem el Fajajeh has suggested the formation of three unified sub-commands and one main unified command. Iraq-Trans-Jordan, Syria-Lebanon, Egypt-Saudi Arabia-Yemen, will form the three unified sub-commands. Then all sub-commands will be under one unified leadership. Egypt is mentioned for the main command.
6. UN-observers have sent to Count Bernadotte reports on the Jewish violations of the truce last night.
A Jewish spokesman has declared that the Jewish military authorities have lost their confidence in the UN-observers.

Saturday-afternoon, Aug. 28, 1948.

1. A UN report from Jerusalem says that the Jews violated the truce last night when they attacked Deir Abu Tur at about 6:15(8:15) in the evening. The Arab authorities got in touch with the UN-observers who asked the Jewish Agency to see that fire stops immediately. As the Jews did not comply with UN-instructions, the Arabs felt obliged to reply the fire and to push the Jews back. A real battle took place, and the Jews lost about 38 lives and many were wounded.

2. UN-observers have been sending cables to the mediator almost every day to the effect that the situation in Jerusalem is getting worse.

A UN-source says the Jews have re-entered the Arab College and the Agricultural College alleging that this is the only way to stop the advancing Egyptian army. Jews were also reported to have tried to enter the Govt. House last night but were repulsed by the Arabs .

3. The Iraqi P.M. who is now in Cairo will pass by Amman to discuss with King Abdullah the results of his negotiations at Cairo regarding the unification of Arab commands. Then he will go to Damascus and Beirut for the same purpose.

4. Foreign secretary George Marshall met the Egyptian delegate to UNO Fawzi Bey Mahmud for about two hours. The subject of their talk was not announced, but it might be about the relation between Arab delegates to UN and the U.S.Govt.

(Notes: The Jm. Arab Radio is still out of order.)

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The Jerusalem Arab Radio is still out of order.

On Damascus and Baghdad radios there were national songs and speeches instead of the news. Here are few lines of the Baghdad Friday-morning speech:

".....I am sure many among you listeners would like to know the reason behind Arab military silence " said the speaker.
".....In addition to pressure exerted upon Arab states and leaders by the big powers, there was little preparation on our side...."
"...The time has come, every Arab would like to see the alleged defeats cleared away with blood and victory." ".....Going back to historical days, Fridays were always days for important decisions, to great men such as Salah el Deen el Ayyubi....."
~~xxxx~~ ".....Let us not forget that we have one of the strongest armies, and one of the most wise Govts....."
".....Very shortly, every Arab will rejoice....."

At the end of the speech it was announced that the Iraqi Govt. has decided to reestablish the Schools Youth Organisations of Futuwwa, (which was dissolved in 1941 at the request of the British authorities after the Iraqi revolution.)

Friday-morning, Aug. 27, 1948.

2 1:50 (* 3:50) p.m.

1. The Arab League has asked all Arab states to reconsider their relations with Italy. Italian sea ports are crowded with Jewish illegal immigrants, arms and terrorists on their way to Palestine. Jewish papers in Tel-Aviv are full of advertisements about Italian agents of illegal immigration and arms sellers. Arab states are expected to take separate actions and decisions on the subject.

2. It has been understood that Count Bernadotte will meet Shertok to-morrow and will discuss with him the immigration of young men in military age.

Iraqi P.M. Pajajeh is still in Cairo. Yesterday he had a two hours meeting with Egyptian P.M. Nokrashi. Pajajeh is said to have declared that his talks will take two more days.

Arab League asked Count Bernadotte to have his observers and staff estimate the value of the Arab refugees' property taken or damaged by the Jews in Palestine. The Count is said to have replied that his men are too busy to do such a thing and that the best way would be to raise this matter first before the Sec. Council.

3. After Assam's denial of the rumours spread by the Jews about an alleged peace discussion between Arabs and Jews, the Lebanese Govt. has denied the same. "...These are mere Jewish made up stories with bad intentions" said Lebanese P.M. Riad el Sulh. Lebanese foreign minister Hameed Faranji said: ".....Lebanon did not and will not have any talk or discussion with the Jews."

4. Abdul Munim Bey Mustafa, head of the political Dep. of the Arab League received General Clayton of the British Embassy-Cairo who spoke of the British offer to help the Arab refugees.

Latest statistics show that the Arab refugees are: 610,000 (Six hundred and ten thousands.)

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Thursday-afternoon, Aug. 26, 1948.